

CAPSULE SUMMARY
9900 Old Indian Head Road (PG: 82A-50)
Prince George's County, Maryland

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This I-house is a vernacular interpretation of the Queen Anne style. Two stories high and three bays wide, the main part of the house is rectangular in plan, and features a two-story rear ell. The house rests upon a solid, concrete block foundation, and the wood frame walls have been clad with vinyl siding. A one-story porch extends across nearly the full width of the façade, and wraps around the northwest side. A standing seam metal, center gable roof covers the building. Two central interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps articulate the roofline.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 9900 Old Indian Head Road not for publication _____
city or town Upper Marlboro vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Prince George's County code 33 zip code _____

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No ☒

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Concrete Block

Roof Gable: Standing Seam Metal

Walls Wood Frame: Vinyl Siding

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Agriculture

Period of Significance 1880-1950

Significant Dates c. 1880

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 4.50 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 9900 Old Indian Head Road is designated as Parcel 180, Grid D1 as indicated on Map 127.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 9900 Old Indian Head Road has historically been associated with Parcel 180 since its construction circa 1880.

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner

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name Joseph H. and Mary P. Brown
street & number 9900 Old Indian Head Road telephone _____
city or town Upper Marlboro state MD zip code 20772

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The house at 9900 Old Indian Head Road is set on a level grassy lot at the end of a long paved driveway. The property features mature trees, shrubs, a paved parking area beside the house, and a vegetable garden to the rear. Constructed around 1880, this I-house is a vernacular interpretation of the Queen Anne style. Two stories high and three bays wide, the main part of the house is rectangular in plan, and features a two-story rear ell. The house rests upon a solid, concrete block foundation, and the wood frame walls have been clad with vinyl siding. A one-story porch extends across nearly the full width of the façade, and wraps around the northwest side. A standing seam metal, center gable roof covers the building. Two central interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps articulate the roofline.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade, the southwest elevation of the building, is three bays wide. A screened wrap-around porch extends across nearly the full width of this elevation, and features a shed roof and square wood posts. The first story is marked by two replacement 1/1 aluminum windows, and a centered entry with a single-leaf panel-and-light wood door. The second story features three replacement 1/1 aluminum windows. The center gable has a fixed diamond-shaped window with four lights.

The southeast elevation is two stories high, and features a replacement 1/1 aluminum window on the first and second stories. A 1-story frame addition on the ell is clad in vinyl siding, covered by an asphalt shingle shed roof, and rests upon a concrete block foundation. This addition features two 1/1 aluminum windows and a fixed 1-light window.

The rear, or northeast, elevation is marked by the 2-story rear ell and the adjoining addition, which contains a single-leaf wood door and three 1/1 aluminum windows. The front part of the house features three replacement 1/1 aluminum windows on this side, while the two-story ell features two replacement 1/1 aluminum windows. The northwest elevation is marked by four replacement 1/1 aluminum windows. The screened wrap-around porch extends most of the way across this side of the house. Shallow concrete steps lead to a single-leaf screened door on this side.

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SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

Located near the house, to the east, are two modern prefabricated utility sheds. Identical, they both feature vertical board siding, and front gambrel, asphalt shingle roofs.

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A common 19th-century vernacular house type across the mid-Atlantic region, the I-house was one room deep, two stories tall, and three or five bays wide, with a central entry. I-houses usually had a porch on the front elevation and a kitchen wing in the rear, due to the narrowness of the main core. On the interior, a central passage separated the two rooms on the first story, while the second story contained either two or four bedchambers. During the mid- and late-19th century, pre-cut ornamental detailing was commonly added to the traditional I-house.

Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. During the last three decades of the 19th century, the population of Prince George's County grew slowly.

National Register Evaluation:

The building at 9900 Old Indian Head Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: [Signature] ✓ Date: 11/1/03

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning
Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

April 26, 1860: Adderton and Elizabeth Sweeney to James B. Belt
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber CSM3 Folio 448

July 29, 1876: James B. Belt to Cater Crawford
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber HB 11 Folio 432

January 21, 1886: Cater and Lizzie Crawford to Violetta S. A. Douglas
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber JWB 6 Folio 99

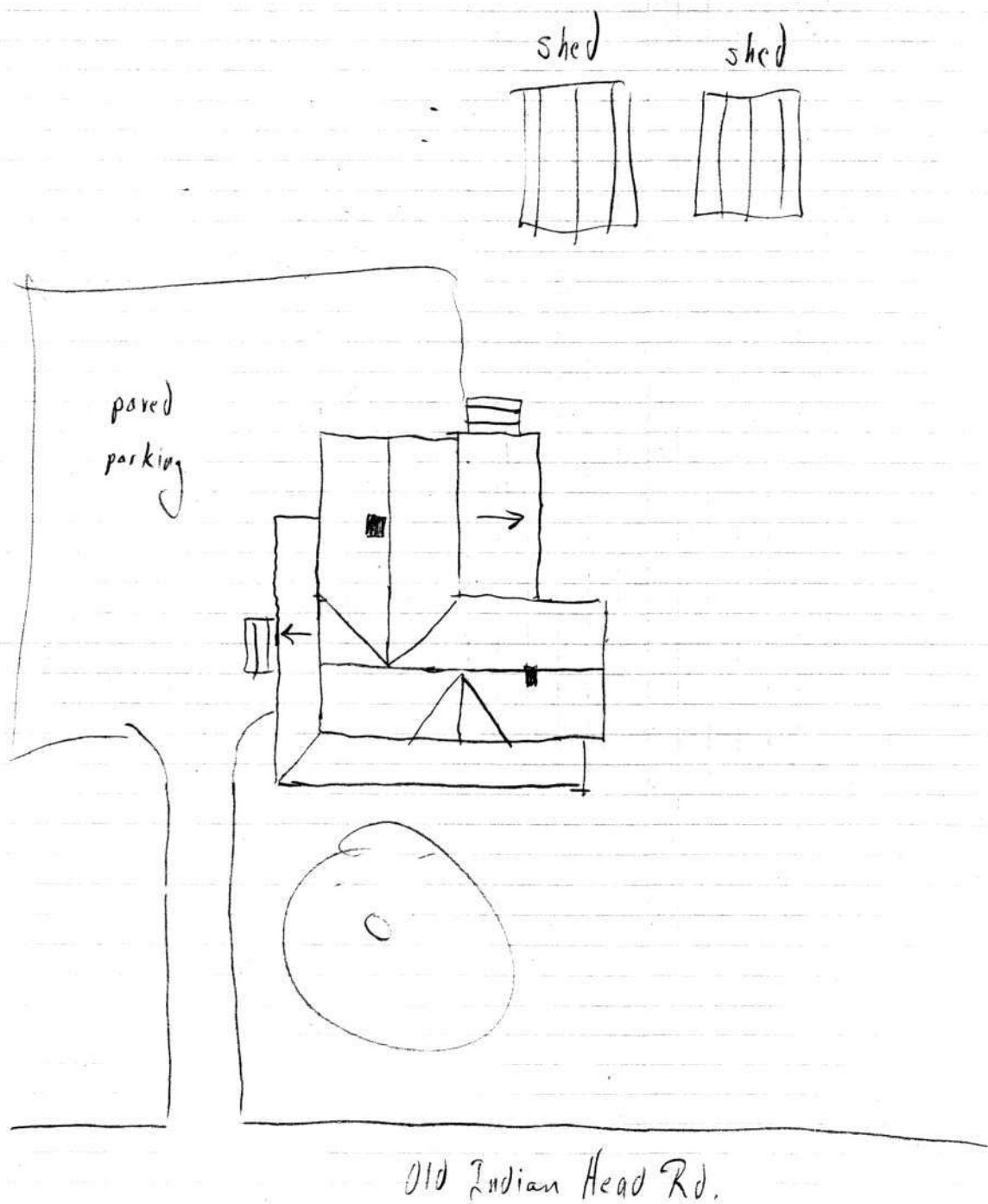
October 21, 1905: Violetta S. A. Douglas to Louisa Brown
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 28 Folio 56

November 21, 1916: Edward A. Fuller, Treasurer of Prince George's County, to William C. Jordan
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 120 Folio 384

April 4, 1921: William C. Jordan to Joseph Harrison Brown
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 171 Folio 224

June 23, 1962: Gertrude and Lawrence Jones, Ruth Brown, and Sylvester Brown to Joseph Harrison Brown and Mary Pearl Brown
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 2781 Folio 240

June 23, 1962: Edith and Charles W. Caldwell, and Louise B. and Henry Oliver to Joseph Harrison Brown and Mary Pearl Brown
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 2781 Folio 242

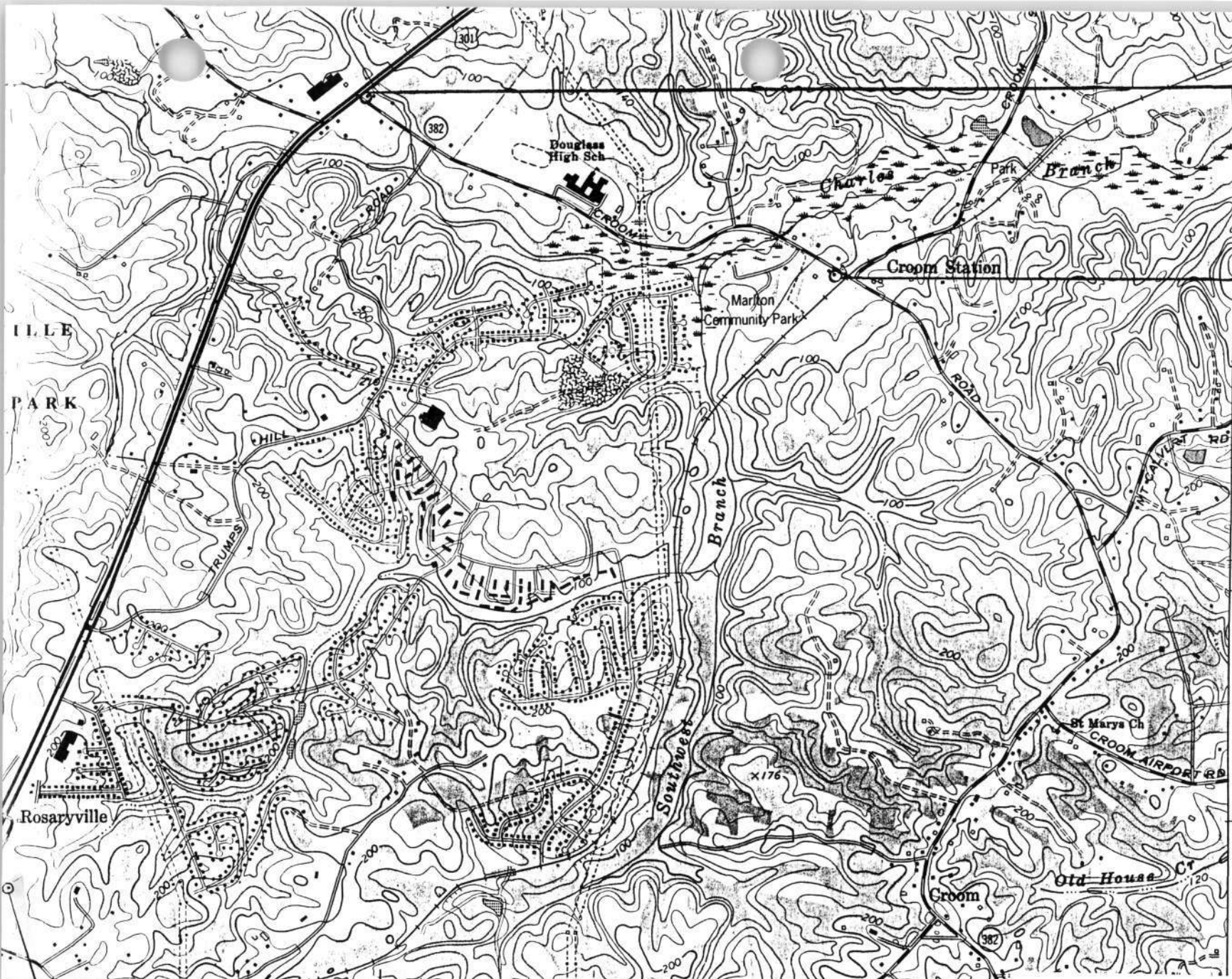


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Resource Sketch Map 1999
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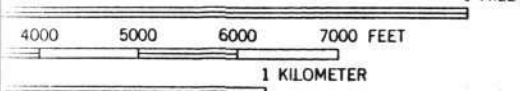




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8069 CROOM ROAD
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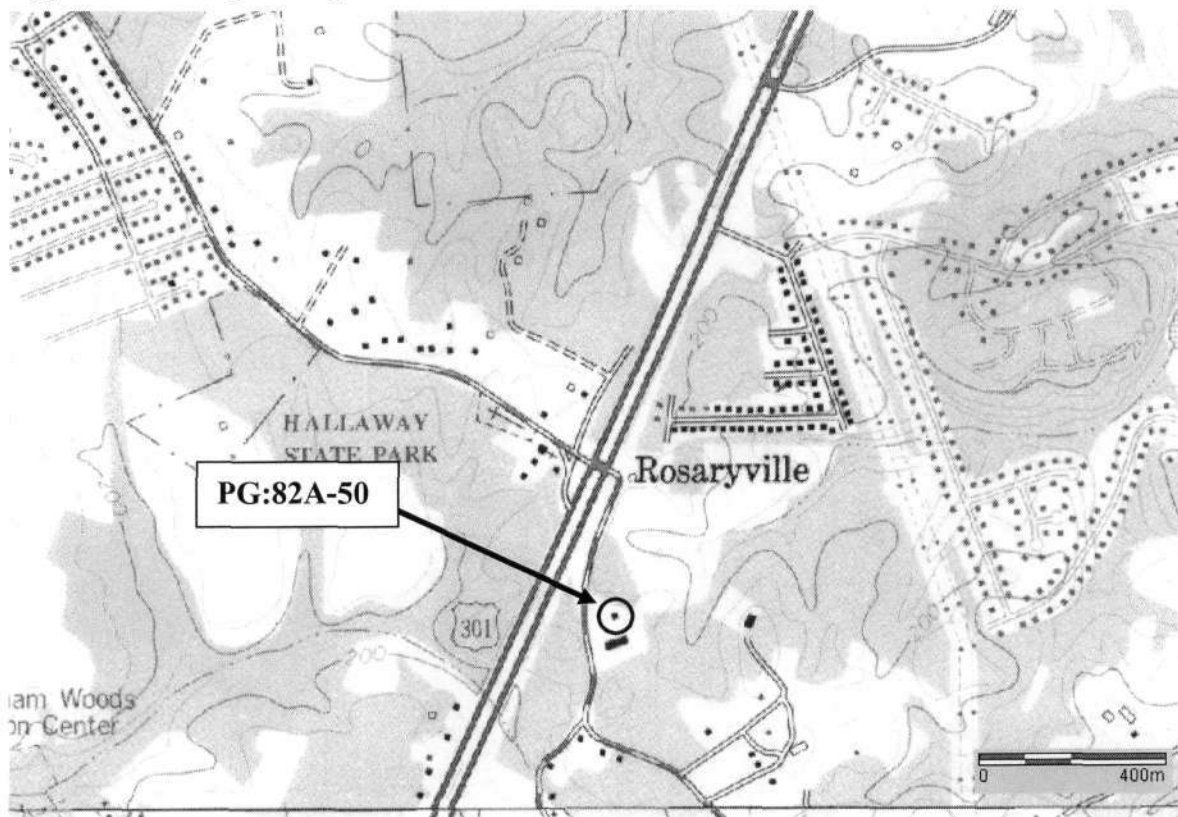
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Upper Marlboro USGS Quad



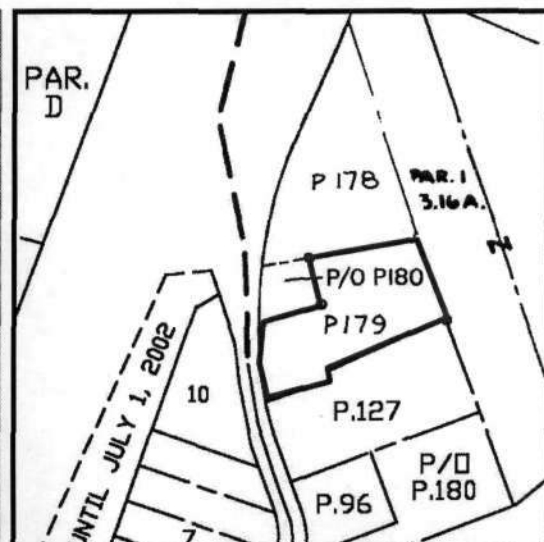
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9900 Old Indian Head Road, Upper Marlboro
Upper Marlboro quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo



Tax Map 127, p.179





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southwest elevation

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